

Senate Resolution 1411

By: Senator Bulloch of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Conservation Sergeant Rick Sellars and Conservation
2 Corporal Mike Binion; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Conservation Sergeant Rick Sellars and Conservation Corporal Mike Binion
4 have demonstrated diligent public service to the citizens of Georgia as members of the
5 Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division; and

6 WHEREAS, on August 23, 2008, Tropical Storm Fay was releasing her fury on southern
7 Georgia, drenching Grady County with over 24 inches of rain that overflowed creeks and
8 caused serious flooding and dangerous driving conditions as the waters swept over roadways;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, at 9:30 P.M., a vehicle occupied by three people traveling on Spence Road was
11 swept from the roadway by swift water and carried downstream into a heavily wooded area;
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13 WHEREAS, the vehicle sank in over six feet of water with the occupants managing to exit
14 the vehicle but only to be stranded on the roof; and

15 WHEREAS, while calling 911 for help, the occupants observed and reported a second
16 vehicle hitting the swift water and being swept off the road into the woods and out of sight;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Sellars and Corporal Binion were called by Grady County 911 for
19 assistance, and upon arriving on scene, they launched a rescue effort in the dark, entering the
20 swift water by boat without regard for their own personal safety; and

21 WHEREAS, they demonstrated exceptional skill in maneuvering the boat, which allowed
22 them to rescue all the victims and return them safely to shore; and

23 WHEREAS, in recognition of their exemplary service, Sergeant Sellars and Corporal Binion
24 were recognized by Governor Sonny Perdue with the 2010 Governor's Public Safety Award;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary devotion to duty
27 demonstrated by these distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Conservation Sergeant Rick Sellars and Conservation Corporal Mike Binion for
30 their heroic efforts to rescue five people swept away by raging floodwaters and in eminent
31 danger of drowning.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Conservation Sergeant Rick Sellars and
34 Conservation Corporal Mike Binion.